



**Camden County Council on Economic Opportunity,
Inc.
Camden, NJ**

Project Title	Dollar to Dollar IDA Program
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AFI Grant Amount	\$70,000
Nonfederal Support	\$70,000
Project Period	September 2001 – September 2006
Highlights	<p>The Camden County Council On Economic Opportunity, Inc. (CCCEO) serves Camden—the largest city in the county and the second poorest city nationwide. They are building on an existing IDA program to offer 150 IDAs for first-time home ownership, post-secondary education, and microenterprise. Participant savings are matched \$2 to \$1 up to \$2,000 over a 36 month period. In addition to training, participants have access to childcare, medical care, crisis management, mentoring, peer support, and counseling. These services are provided through a network of over 15 programs and 30 community facilities in the area.</p>
Target Population	Residents in the city's Empowerment Zone, and other low-income individuals in Camden County, New Jersey.
Grantee/Collaborative Description	<p>CCCEO, the county Office on Economic Opportunity and a Community Action Agency, was established in 1965. They oversee a network of 45+ community service centers and programs. The agency's IDA program is supported by 10 organizations in the areas of home ownership, entrepreneurship, and educational training. Wachovia is holding reserve and participant accounts. Bank of America is also holding participant accounts. Nonfederal matching funds are from the United Way, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and CCEO.</p>